GUIDE TO THE OM10 NEW IRELAND FILE

[The materials in this file are restricted to the Lesu village region on the east central coast of New Ireland. This island is an area of considerable linguistic and cultural diversity. The file is composed of five sources, all of which are in English. The main source is 1: Powdermaker, which is an ethnography emphasizing social organization and non-material culture. 2:Powdermaker is a study of mortuary rites. 3:Chinnery is a census report which also includes material on settlement patterns, kin terms and structure, and acculturation. 4:Powdermaker is a demographic study using materials gained from the study of genealogies. 5:Powdermaker discusses the function of eating as it occurs under communal, ritual conditions. Chinnery was a government anthropologist for the Territory of New Guinea. Powdermaker is now Dean of the Social Sciences at Queens College in New York.

This file, while not complete or consistent, contains enough material for many cross-cultural comparisons. It is most deficient in the area of material culture, concerning which there is little information in the file.

GUIDE TO THE OM10 NEW IRELAND FILE

However, most of the other areas of culture, particularly social organization and demography, are well covered.

There were no special marking decisions for this file. --Analyst]

Processed in 1962